

**ANDOVER BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 6:00 P.M.**  
**CD&P First Floor Conference Room**  
**36 Bartlet Street**

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Present were Ms. Candace B. Martin, Chairman, Ms. Katherine Kellman, Clerk, and Mr. Thomas G. Carbone, Director of Public Health.

Ms. Martin gave the following information to each candidate. The Board wanted another medical professional to fill the seat that was vacated in January, 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to get to know each candidate better, inform them about what the position involves and what type of issues they may deal with. Board of Health Meetings are once a month on a Monday evening starting at 6 p.m. If an urgent issue arises, a special meeting may be needed. The Board of Health packet is sent out by Friday before the meeting, and the Members have the weekend to read the information and have any questions ready for Monday. Mr. Carbone thoroughly informs them about issues they may not have experience in, such as sewer or septic work. Information is in the packets and is also provided at the time of the Board of Health Meetings.

**I. Interviews for Vacant Board of Health Position:**

- **Gopala K. Dwarakanath, M.D., LLC** – Dr. Dwarakanath is the Medical Director of the Pain Management Center at Lowell General Hospital. He is interested in educating others about maintaining good nutrition and a healthy lifestyle. He would use his experience with fund raising skills and his strengths as a doctor to benefit the Andover community.
- **Ms. Pamela Linzer, R.N.** – Ms. Linzer is a Registered Nurse and is an Employee Health and Infection Prevention Manager at Winchester Hospital. Her knowledge about infection control, kitchen inspections, and Health Regulations would be an asset to the Board.
- **Shabbir Abbasi, M.D.** – Dr. Abbasi is the attending Neurologist at New England Neurological Associates in Lawrence General Hospital and has a Fellowship in Movement Disorders and Parkinson's Disease. His international background and experience in the medical field would be an asset to the Board.

**II. Assessment and Decision:**

- The Board Members stated that all three candidates were very well qualified and either one of them would be an asset to the Board of Health. They considered who they thought would be a good fit and who showed the most enthusiasm with the prospect of becoming a Board Member. The Board Members made a decision and will send their recommendations to the Town Manager for approval. The Board will reorganize after the new Member joins.

*Motion by Ms. Kellman, seconded by Ms. Martin, to recommend Gopala K. Dwarakanath, M.D. as first choice for the open Board of Health Member seat. Unanimous approval.*

*Motion by Ms. Martin, seconded by Ms. Kellman, to give second consideration to Pam Linzer, R.N. as an alternative choice for the open Board of Health Member seat. Unanimous approval.*

**III. Adjournment**

*Motion by Ms. Kellman, seconded by Ms. Martin, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Unanimous approval.*